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How To Spend Life.

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We should fill the hours with the sweetest things,
If we had but a day;
We should drink alone at the purest springs
In our upward way;
We should love with a lifetime's love in an hour,
If our hours were few;
We should rest, not for dreams, but for fresher power
To be and to do.

We should bind our weary, wanton wills
To the clearest light;
We should keep our eyes on the heavenly hills,
If they lay in sight;
We should trample the pride and the discontent
Beneath our feet;
We should take whatever a good God sent
With a trust complete.

We should waste no moments in weak regret
If the day were but one;
If what we remember and what we forget
Went out with the sun,
We should from our clamorous selves set free
To work or to pray,
And to be what our Father would have us be,
If we had but a day,

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✻ "To the Law and to the Testimony. If they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.---Isaiah viii: 20. ✻